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Doctor Takes Initiative in His Hands



“USAID helped me improve my professional skills and, moreover, take an active civic leadership position in my community.”

Doctor Kurmangazy Beg-Ali, with a young girl from the Center for Children of Tuberculosis Patients

“USAID helped us rise to our feet” says Doctor Kurmangazy Beg-Ali, Director and Chief Physician of the Almaty Oblast Tuberculosis Clinic. The clinic runs a Center for Children of Tuberculosis Patients which provides a temporary home for the children of tuberculosis patients while their parents undergo medical treatment in hospitals. During the summer the center uses a portion of its funds for summer camps. After attending training on fundraising for health NGOs, organized by two USAID projects, the Participant Training Program and the Health NGO Capacity Building Initiative, Doctor Beg-Ali was able to secure additional funding from the local Akimat (city council) to support the center. With Dr. Beg-Ali’s leadership, the organization developed stronger partnerships with the local government and international organizations, which provide support and funding for the facility. According to Dr. Beg-Ali, the Tuberculosis Clinic owes its success and sustainability to the knowledge and skills he received in USAID funded trainings.